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JAPANESE MANOEUVRE IN "RE-OPENING" OF YANGTSE EXPOSED BY THE PRESS

Frantically Seeking Foreign Friendship

SHANGHAI, DEC. 20 (REUTER)—THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR FOREIGN TRADERS AND FOREIGN POWERS TO JUMP TO ANY JOYFUL CONCLUSION OVER JAPAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RE-OPENING OF A SECTION OF THE YANGTSE TO SHIPPING, STATES THE CHINA PRESS IN A STRONG LEADER ON THE SUBJECT.

THE PAPER DECLARES THAT IT IS EVIDENT THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO RE-OPEN THE RIVER WAS A POLITICAL MOVE DESIGNED THE PLACATE FOREIGN POWERS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES.

The China Press adds that the declaration of impending partial removal of shipping restrictions were timed precisely at a moment when Japan was frantically seeking foreign friendship—at a moment when Japan's statesmen believe that an eleventh hour change of sentiment in the United States might save her Trade Treaty.

Such a desire on the part of Japan, the journal continues, is to be welcomed fully but the ultimate usefulness is dependent upon the practical measures to be taken in removing the restrictions.

The absence of a date in the announcement leads one to think that Japan is tossing the red herring in the general direction of the United States and other foreign Powers. In omitting the date Japan is apparently waiting to see what will happen on December 28, 1939, the date of expiration of the Japanese-American Treaty of Commerce and Navigation.

The announcement clearly indicates that Japan intends to allow third Power ships to navigate the Yangtse provided the foreigners "behave."

RIGHT TO NAVIGATE

The right to navigate the Yangtse, which third Powers possess by virtue of international treaties, is thus being passed out by Japan as a measure of Japanese generosity.

If foreign nations are to continue trade in China they must, and can

Australia Replies To Propaganda

FIRST NATIONAL BROADCAST

LONDON, Dec. 20 (REUTER)—

Speaking on the first shortwave national broadcast conducted by the Australian Government, Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister, declared that Australia decided because so many strange things were said about Australia by some propaganda stations, that the time had come to speak for herself.

Although 12,000 miles away from Europe, Australia was involved in the European war acting in co-operation with Britain.

Germany began the war and is carrying it on in order to conquer people other than her own—Czech, Slovaks and Poles and who knew what others tomorrow.

If Germany's only rule was military power then no small nation in Europe would be secure and once Europe is under the overlordship of Germany then no small nation in the world could feel secure.

We in Australia are fortunate because we are indissolubly bound to a very great power whose interests and ideals are ours and who will protect us if necessary."

Mr. Menzies declared: "We are not benevolent neutrals. We are belligerent partners and we are in this war to win. We did not enter it lightly and would not depart from it except as victors."

S.N.O. YANGTSE PROMOTED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (REUTER)—

Rear-Admiral R. Vesey Holt, Senior British Naval Officer on the Yangtse, has been promoted Vice-Admiral in H.M. Fleet, with effect from December 15, 1939.

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CHINESE FIGHT BACK IN KWANGSI: HEAVY STREET FIGHTING GOING ON IN KAIFENG

Artillery In Action On Central Hupeh Front

ON THE KWANGSI FRONT, Dec. 20 (Central)—Chinese troops continue to push back on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Wuming highway.

On the Nanning-Pinyang highway they have advanced as far as Liutang and Wutang, approximately 20 miles north-east of Nanning. Forty truckloads of Japanese reinforcements were intercepted and surrounded at Liutang yesterday morning. Owing to the destruction of the highways and bridges, they were unable either to proceed or retreat.

On the Nanning-Wuming highway, the Chinese once again recaptured Kaofengao, 14 miles north of Nanning, the day before yesterday. About 1,000 Japanese there were defeated.

Nali, north-east of Yamchow, was also recaptured yesterday morning. The Japanese stationed there were routed in a four-hour engagement. However, fighting broke out again when Japanese reinforcements arrived from Kuchating, a point in the neighbourhood.

HEAVY STREET FIGHTING LOYANG, Dec. 19 (Central)—A refugee from Kaifeng stated that street fighting was still going on

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Goodwill Mission



Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission in Chungking photographed with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

IDENTITY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BRITISH STATESMEN AND GEN. CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Dr. Sun Fo Reveals Full Details Of Interviews Held In London

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (REUTER)—Interesting details of the interviews which the Presidents of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Sun Fo, had with Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George, the veteran British politician, in London, during his recent visit to Europe, are revealed in an article published by the Central Daily News, the official organ of the Chinese Government.

Dr. Sun Fo is said to have declared that when he was in London and listened on Mr. Churchill's broadcast, he was struck by the identity of his views to the statements made by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

He called the next day to see Mr. Churchill and told him his impressions.

policy would remain unchanged.

SOVIET SYMPATHY

In a survey of the European press Dr. Sun Fo said that the Soviet press paid most attention to Chinese news. Not only did it publish more Chinese news, but it gave it the greatest prominence.

He emphasized that Soviet interest in China and her sympathy must not be overlooked.

BRITISH AIM

Britain was adopting tactics for prolonged warfare. Britain's aims and slogans very much similar to what the Chinese have been upholding during the past two years of the hostilities against Japan.

In conclusion, Dr. Sun Fo expressed the opinion that the position of the smaller nations in Europe in war was very difficult.

"Only when Dr. Sun Fo's Three Peoples' Principles are realized will human brotherhood cease," he declared.

"HERR SCUTTLER"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS)—In neutral as well as in the British press the practice of scuttling is inevitably interpreted as indicating the German Government's despair of winning the war.

The Daily Herald in a leading article, headed "Herr Scuttler," asks why the Columbus sent herself to the bottom.

"There was no need for it. She was in no danger of capture. She need never have left Vera Cruz. She could have run into any United States harbour and stayed there for the duration of the war and gone home after the war—if Germany won.

"This harakiri policy can mean just one thing: the German High Command fear they are going to lose the war and that at the end their ships will become Allied property."

Outstanding credit loans are being collected by bank representatives in the inland cities: the report adds.

CREDIT LOANS SUSPENDED

Chinese banks in Shanghai have decided to suspend the extension of credit loans to business houses of the inland areas owing to the lack of communication facilities, says the Sin Wan Pao.

The conference will discuss currency problems and decide on measures for the stabilisation of commodity prices and readjustment of inland financial conditions, the report concludes.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of China arrived in Chungking from Hongkong yesterday to attend the conference, the report added.

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POSSESSION OF A WIRELESS SET

Fung Kung, unemployed cook boy, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday on a summons for the possession of a wireless receiving set without a licence and was cautioned.

Mr. James Key, Wireless Inspector, said that the radio set was given to the defendant by his former employer, a naval commander. He told the Court that authorities did not wish to press the case.

Mr. Forrest ordered that the set be kept by the authorities until the defendant was able to obtain suitable premises to take out a licence.

COLONY HEALTH

Ten cases of tuberculosis, two cases of enteric fever, two cases of dysentery, one case of diphtheria and one case of cerebro-spinal meningitis were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 19.

Radio Programmes

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GRACIE FIELDS AND OTHERS
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Children's Hour
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers"

From The Sunny Spanish Shore: In Enterprise of Martial Kind—Henry Lytton, Bertha Lewis, Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking. O Rapture When Alone Together: There Was A Time—Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking. I Stole The Prince—Leo Sheffield, Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis, Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking. But Bless My Heart: Try We Lifelong—Mavis Bennett, Leo Sheffield, Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis and Arthur Hosking. Kind Sir, You Cannot Have The Heart—Winfred Lawson (Soprano). I Am A Courter Grave and Serious—Henry Lytton, Bertha Lewis, Mavis Bennett, Derek Oldham and George Baker. Here Is A Case—Derek Oldham, George Baker, Mavis Bennett, Winifred Lawson, Davies & Chorus. Now Let The Loyal Lieges Gather Round—Finale: Act 2—Full Company

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report

1.05 Grace Moore (Soprano) and Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orch.

Die Zauberflöte—Potpourri—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch. Our Song (film "When You're in Love"); The Whistling Boy (film "When You're in Love"); Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orch. Donauwellen Waltz (Iwanovič); The Last Waltz (Oscar Strauss)—Edith Lorand Orchestra. The End Begins (film "The King stays out")—Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orch. Why Do You Hate Me?—Tango (Stransky)—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch.

1.30 Reuters and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements

1.45 Dance Music by Henry Jacobs and His Correct Dance Tempo Orch.

Rumba—When Bomba Plays A Rumba; Tango—Lonely Troubadour. Waltz—The Waltz Lives On (film "Big Broadcast of 1938"); Quickstep—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; Fox-Trot—Silvery Moon and Golden Sands; Waltz—Golden Heart; Slow Fox-Trot—In The Chapel In The Moonlight; Fox-Trot—I'm Just Beginning To Care; Waltz—I'm Still In Love With You.

2.15 Close down.

3.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

4.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

Lullaby (from "Foxy and Bass" Gershwin); It Take A Long Pull To Get There (from "Foxy and Bass" Gershwin). I Don't Know What's Wrong (Dynerforth and Eric Ansell); Roll Up Sailor (film "Big Fellow").

7.00 Light French Music.

Cafe-Chantant (Wal-Berg); C'Dans Un Caboulot (Marie Lanier); Damis (Vocal) with Orchestra Ah-Dis, Ah-Dis, Ah-Banjour (Charles Treteau); Le Vieux Qui Va (French film "Je chante")—Charles Treteau (Vocal) with Orch. Valeur Ma Banlieue (from Revue "Feerie de Paris"); Java—Sous Les Bœufs De Gau (from Revue "Feerie de Paris")—L'Accordéoniste Alexander and His Orchestra Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux (Gaston Claret); Je Crois N'Avoir Jamais Aime (film "Première")—Damis (Vocal) with Orchestra La Petit Quinquina (Bearceau); Apres De Ma Blanche (Duchambo)—Jean Sorlier (Vocal) with Orch.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Strauss—Der Rosenkavalier Suite.

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Earl Alwin.

8.20 Songs by Amelia Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Air and Variations (Proch); La Pauvre ("Zemire et Azor"—Gretry) with Flute obligato by Clemens Baron; Carnations (Valverde); Little Star (Ponce)—with Piano accompaniment by Horner Samuels.

8.32 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

Liebesleid (Kreisler); Liebesfreud (Kreisler)—with Piano accompaniment by Lamson Caprice Vénitien (Kreisler)

—with Piano accompaniment by Rupp.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Hitler and the Aryan Race."

9.05 Songs by Lima Paglighi (Soprano).

The Pearl Fishers (Bizet-Zenaridini); Cavatina di Lella (Rigoletto) (Verdi); Glenda's Aria: Caro nome; "Mignon" (Thomas); Io so Tiranica—with Orchestral accompaniment.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk by Lord Chatfield.

9.45 Dance Music.

Tango—Black Orchids; Spanish March—A Ball In Madreña—Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Swingin' On The Moon—Bob Howard and His Orchestra. Waltz—The Waltz In Swing Time (film "Swing Time"); Fox-Trot—The Way You Look Tonight (film "Swing Time")—Fred Astaire—accompanied by Johnny Green's Orchestra.

10.00 Variety with Gracie Fields, Tommy Handley, Oliver Wakefield, Charlie Kunz and Others.

Humorous Monologue—Play up and Pay The Dame (Wakefield); Keeping A Stiff Upper (Wakefield)—Oliver Wakefield ("The Voice of Inexperience"), Guitar Duets—Chiquita Walk; Drifting and Dreaming (Gullane); Ferera and Palashu; Comeclienze—Winter Draws On (Harper); We've Got To Keep Up With The

GENERAL

COMING EVENTS

DEC.
21—Tides: High 3.43 a.m. and 5.33 p.m. Low 10.45 a.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
Launching at Kowloon Dock.
St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime 8 p.m.
Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C. 9 a.m.
Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.
Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 6 p.m.
S. and S. Home: Servicemen's X'Mas Party, 7.30 p.m.
Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.
H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m.
H.K.Y.'s Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. S. C. Leung on "Recent Developments in China."
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations," 6 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study, 216, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.
Women's Fellowship: St. Andrew's Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.
Christmas Tree Gift and Candle Service, St. Andrew's 6 p.m.
Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 3.30 p.m.
Buy Bees Knitting and Bandage-Making, Central Fire Station, 9.30 a.m.
Christ Church, Nativity Play rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.
R.N. Yard Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), St. Andrew's Hall, 4.30 p.m.

22—Tides: High 5.36 a.m. and 6.08 p.m. Low 12.40 a.m. and 11.31 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vince Sinker and Wilhelm Maier and Co.) Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C. 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

R.E.W.G.'s Mess: Christmas Draw and "Social" Wellington Barracks, 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Sale of Toys at Millington, Ltd., in aid of B.W.O.P., 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Orphan's Home, Executive Committee Mtg.

23—Tides: High 5.07 a.m. and 6.44 p.m. Low 12.13 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime 3 p.m.

H.F. and Lady Northcote leave for Faifley Lodge.

Institute of Business Administration—Students' Christmas Party at Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.

24—Tides: High 8.17 a.m. and 7.22 p.m. Low 2.13 a.m. and 12.55 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m. Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.

H.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9.05 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.54 a.m. and 1.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m. Christmas Day.

St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer, China vs. Portugal, Sanktupra, 3.30 p.m.

26—Boxing Day.

International Soccer, H.K.P.C. ground Scotland vs. England, 3.30 p.m.

R.E.O.G.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Faifley Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwai Tsing.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.C.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.

"China Light & Power Recreational Club Dance, 6 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Kai Yau due.

31—New Year's Eve.

Final Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.

Football Shield: First Round.

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**Message to a man
who is Not afraid
of living**



You can smile when people talk about the strain of modern life, because you are strong and competent and able to "take it". In many ways, too, life is easier for you than it was for your parents.

You don't have to wait for things as they did. Nowadays you and your family can enjoy luxuries you otherwise could not afford by paying for them month by month and year by year... *out of income!*

But this modern way of living has real dangers against which Life Insurance is the only safeguard. If, for instance, you should drop out of the picture, it would be your widow's future which is mortgaged. Again—if you do not make ample provision for later years, you yourself may become dependent on others.

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Y.M.C.A. PLAYERS FILL ROLES SPLENDIDLY IN "ALI BABA" PANTOMIME

The adventures of Ali Baba in Bagdad and in the Robbers' Cave, his entreaties to Sesame to close and to open again on himself and his lovely Morgiana, the cookery of Fatima and the meddling of Euglace, the rambles of Ozime, these morsels of fantasy, Arabic and post-Arabic, from a pen that Mr. W. H. E. Colledge had dipped generously in the ink of Hongkong, were brought to life again before a large audience at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday when the Christmas offering of the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, the pantomime "Ali Baba," was staged for the first time before the general public.

The story opens in street of Bagdad where a certain villain, a Robber Chief named Mahbub, is being sought. The best peace preservation material available, a trio of constables named Hoey, Doey and Loey are seeking the villain.

There are two visitors in town, a certain Prince Hamid Rasul and another personage, a lowly one if we would judge from his profession, a woodcutter, both seeking the hand of the daughter of the royal house.

As in any other tale, the underdog wins. Ali Baba is destined to be a Prince, but before he becomes one there are adventures to survive. The Sultan Amina (Helen Lockhart) is difficult to please. She would prefer royal blood.

Ahmed el Baksheesh, the Sultan (William Kirby), is more understanding. A man of the world, he grants licenses in cameras to the market dancers, and Amina is reasonably suspicious.

CLEVER SLEUTHING

The clever sleuthing of Hoey and his companions results in due course in the arrest of Mahbub, and his band is routed, but only after a thrilling adventure where-in the Princess Morgiana is trapped in the cave. A genie, with a bagful of tricks about him, helps her escape.

The Sultan favours Hamid. She asks the Sultan about the baby she judged at the baby show. "How many of them were over 18?" she wants to know. Ahmed el Baksheesh, the Sultan, does not know Ali Baba. "Is he a member of the Club?" the Sultan inquires. But Ali Baba is favoured by the Princess.

The parts are nobly filled. The principal boy is Anne Organ (Ali Baba), and the leading lady is Phyllis Kirby (Morgiana). The most memorable character will surely be Fatima, the Robbers' Cook (Ralph Spencelayh), while her son Euvalas (Alec Austen), who helps her relate the story of China to the children, does a meritorious job in one of the cleverest bits of dialogue thought up by Mr. Colledge.

MAKING BLACK-OUT SAFER

Although it is known that the road accident rate has declined appreciably, many minds are busy on means of making the black-out safer during the coming four months, when most of the working population will have to go home in the dark.

The Minister of Transport, Capt. Evan Wallace, appealed on behalf of the bus drivers to pedestrians not to flash electric torches in their eyes. All car-drivers will echo the appeal, for even the weakest torch is blinding.

Experiments are still being pursued with "black" lamps which shed a radiance without visible beam, but they are not entirely successful, for the reflection from wet asphalt is still too much for the R. A. F. experts.

Blue light, on which the French rely so freely, is condemned as being not less visible than white, except when a translucent blue glass is used with an orange light.

MORE GUARD RAILS

It is hoped to find a safe means of illuminating pedestrian crossings and similar spots, if not whole streets.

In the absence of street lighting it is essential to segregate the traffic, and the R. A. C. suggests more of the pedestrian guard rails that have proved their value in peace-time, while all unnecessary obstructions should be removed from the roadway and roundabouts should be made visible by reflectors.

Motorcyclists suffered severely in the September accidents, as the figures published recently show; mostly, it appears from excess of zeal on the part of patrols and who, at Wisbech, was fined £1 and despatched riders. Cyclists are still given a month's imprisonment for a danger to themselves and others, flashing an electric torch during rear lamps are still very difficult to obtain—Daily Telegraph.

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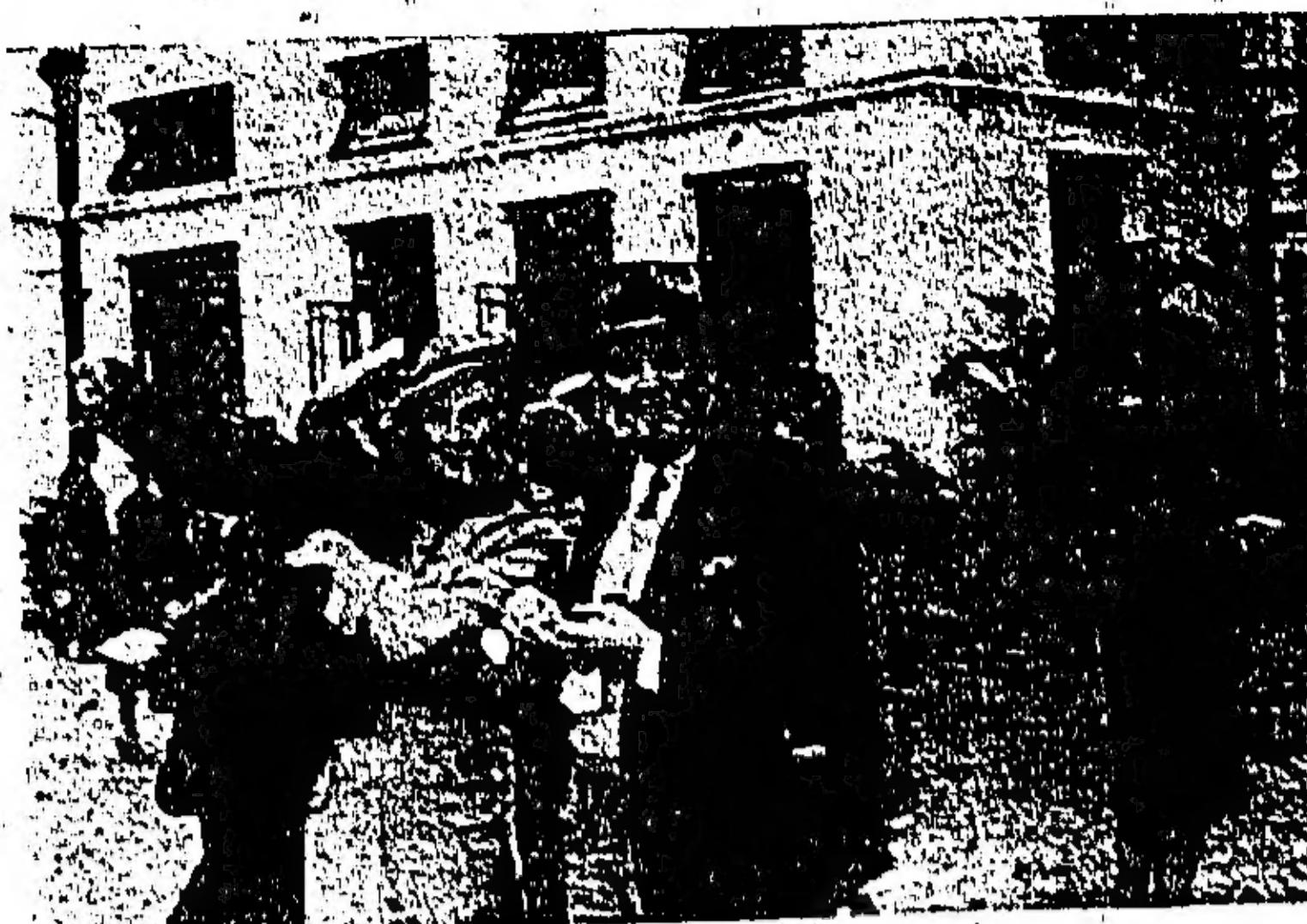
SALE POSTPONED

Messrs. Lammett Brothers' sale of office furniture of Messrs. F. Field & Co., which was to have taken place tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 22, has been postponed to Thursday next, Dec. 23.

New Year will be celebrated in Chungking in an appropriate manner. A holiday will be declared, the city will be besieged, and mass meetings will be held. A musical concert for the public will be held on Jan. 2. (Central News).

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GENERAL:



Acting Chief Preventive Officer A. W. Grimmitt faces our camera at the race meeting at the Valley.

Over \$16,000 In Money And Jewellery

ARMED THIEVES GET BIG HAUL

A total of \$16,600 in money and jewellery was stolen from the occupants of a room on the second floor of No. 172, Wellington Street, early yesterday morning.

Four men, armed with revolvers, forced their way in at about 4 o'clock and, by holding up the occupants, stole \$15,500 in Hongkong currency, \$1,500 in Chinese National currency, \$34 in Singapore currency, and a diamond ring.

They escaped before an alarm could be raised.

FUNERAL OF MR. WALTER HUNG AT POKFULAM

The funeral took place at the Chiu Yuen Cemetery, Pokfulam, yesterday, of Mr. Walter Hung, who died at the Canossa Hospital on Tuesday morning from pneumonia.

The late Mr. Hung, who was the manager of the Chinese section of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, and manager of the Sun Wo Steamship Company, is survived by his widow, daughter of the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, and a son and daughter.

A large attendance of relatives and friends was present to pay their last respects and amongst them were Messrs. W. C. Hung, A. Hung, C. C. Hung, K. C. Hung, D. Hung, H. Q. Hunt, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Ping-fan, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lo, Dr. D. de E. Souza, Dr. Liu Yan-tak, Dr. Eva Ho Tung, Dr. Katie Woo:

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ALLEGED THEFT OF LETTERS

A postman, Li King-fai, 21, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, charged with having stolen 23 letters on various dates between August 3 and December 14. Bail of \$500 was allowed.

In connection with the case, Wong Sang, 40, and Li Kam-lam, 23, also appeared before the Magistrate, charged with attempting to obtain \$130 from Tsui Yun-sau, 31, married woman, by a forged letter purported to have come from a man in Boston.

Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw applied for one week's formal remand. Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded not guilty on behalf of both defendants.

Commissioner John McMillan, Chief-of-Staff of the Salvation Army, died at Sunbury Court, Middlesex, after a long illness, aged 65. Commissioner McMillan, a native of Glasgow, with 50 years service, withdrew his name after nomination for the generalship when the High Council met to choose a successor to General Higgins.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Over

100 men, accused of communistic activities, have been arrested in Paris and Toulouse by Government order.

DANCE HOSTESS ASSAULTED

ALLEGATIONS IN CENTRAL COURT

After hearing evidence from the complainant, Wong, Mu-kow, 22, dance hostess of the China Emporium Ball Room, on a charge of theft of a gold bangle and a handbag, containing \$10 in money and \$20 worth of dance tickets, preferred against Wong Liang-sin, 24, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, dismissed the charge of larceny and, on a charge of common assault, the defendant was bound over in a bond of \$100 for a year.

Giving evidence, Wong Mu-kow said that she knew defendant for a year in Shanghai. She was engaged by the China Emporium Ball Room from Shanghai and arrived with defendant in the Colony. On the day in question, defendant went to her flat in King Kwong Street and after assaulting her, tried to force her into a taxi. It was about 5 p.m., when she was going to the tea dance at the Ball Room, and her intention was to board a tramcar. On her refusal to get into the taxi, defendant, who alleged, snatched her handbag and threw it into the taxi.

Together with a detective, she located defendant at his flat in Stanley Street and on her demanding the return of her handbag, he at once handed it back.

Det.-Insp. W. Darkin prosecuted.

REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

A decrease of only 2% is shown in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Colony in Government camp, etc., in Urban and Rural areas for the week ending Dec. 16, as compared with the previous week.

Urban Areas (Civilians):

King's Park 1,358 against 1,302 on Dec. 9.

Ma Tau Chung 1,083 against 1,078 on Dec. 9.

North Point 1,426 against 1,418 on Dec. 9.

Urban Areas (Soldiers):

In Hospital 11 against 11 on Dec. 9.

Ma Tau Chung 728 against 730 on Dec. 9.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin 1,864 against 1,912 on Dec. 9.

San Uk Ling 699 against 738 on Dec. 9.

Gill's Cutting 373 against 377 on Dec. 9.

The Management of the Peninsula Hotel advises that the usual Sunday Tea Dance at that establishment will not take place on December 24 and 31, but will be resumed on January 7, 1940.

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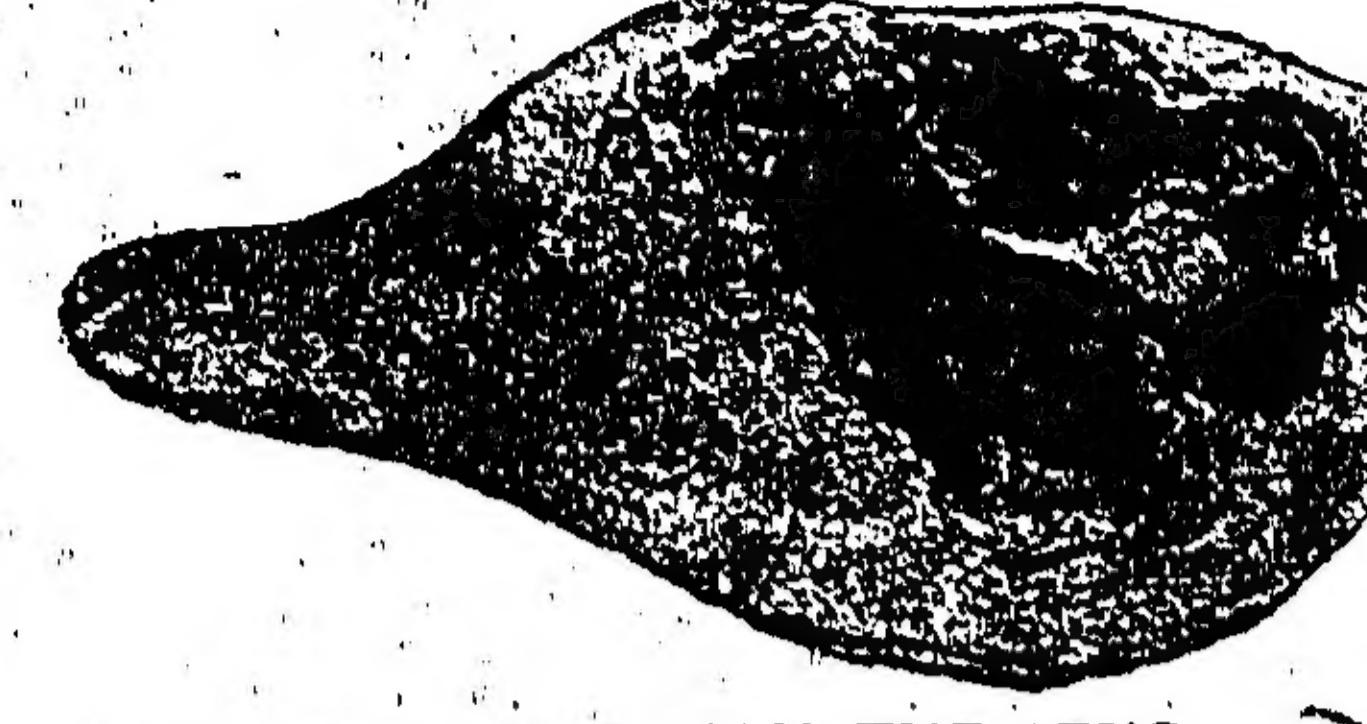
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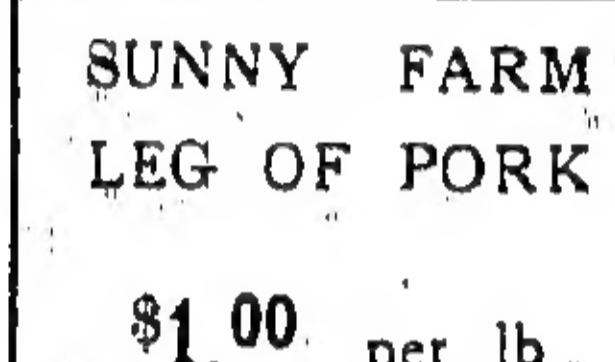
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of Dec., 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements.	Contents In Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			N. S. ft. ft. ft. ft.	E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.		
1	Garden Lot No. 109.	Mount Cameron Road, Adjacent Rural Building Lot No. 419.	About 18,300	42	\$95	
	As per sale plan.					

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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1	Garden Lot No. 110.	North-east of North Building Lot No. 317, South Bay Road, Repulse Bay.	About 6,900	14	\$10	
	As per sale plan.					

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AIRWAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE B.E.F.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—About £16,000,000 worth of engines and railway equipment have been ordered for the use of the B.E.F. in France.

The order includes 240 freight engines, 10,000 covered wagons and permanent way material costing £1,750,000 and mechanical equipment for docks.

The Kwangtung People's Political Council decided at a recent meeting to appoint women to be registrars and section chiefs in their government or to hold responsible posts on a probationary basis.

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HOW TO PRESERVE SANDBAGS

WINTER DANGERS TO DEFENCES

Efforts are being made throughout Britain to protect sandbag defences against the rigours of the winter. Rotting, shrinkage, bursting, waterlogging and vermin infestation are among the dangers which must be guarded against.

Precautions recommended by the Government include spraying with liquid tar creosote and other waterproof preparations, and regular disinfection against vermin and insects.

Many large firms who are prepared to spend considerable sums on efficient defences are enclosing their sandbags in creosoted wooden "hutches," or slabs of reinforced concrete. These additional precautions are approved by the authorities.

Inefficient sandbagging is a cause of danger. In some cases unsuitable bags have been filled with rough material, walls have been stacked unscientifically, and false stresses have resulted in bulging and warping.

There is justification for the fear that some stacks of sandbags will collapse with the first spell of severe weather.

LACK OF DRAINAGE

Lack of drainage and protective substances are other faults in some instances.

The A.R.P. department of the Home Office has issued recommendations for the preservation of sandbags. One danger of this, an expert said recently, is that people may be led to believe that if they have followed official instructions their sandbags will be safe throughout the winter.

"Apart from damp there is danger from shrinkage and deterioration through the effect of city smoke and grime," he pointed out.

"Spraying with preservative liquids will not offset these dangers entirely. Other preparations which are on the market should be used in addition to those recommended officially."

The perfect sandbag defence wall should be from 6-ft high, 4 ft wide at the base and 2 ft at the apex. Bags should be laid alternate rows of "stretchers"—lengthwise—and "headers"—crosswise—with no corresponding joints.

THREE-QUARTERS FULL

Bags should be three-quarters full only, beaten into rectangular shape and placed with the seams inwards. Folded ends of "headers" should also face inwards.

No regulations have been made about the amount of projection over the pavement, but this should not exceed four feet and the bags should be painted white.

Drainage should be provided and boarding placed at the foot of sandbag walls to protect the first two layers from mud and water kicked up by pedestrians or sprayed by traffic.

Defences should be watched carefully for any sign of subsidence. Burst bags can be mended with strips of hessian.

because, despite the fact that it infuriated the Power, it undoubtedly enhanced the bargain value, at a time when Japan needs such counters, of the miserable concession that she now offers. If it appeared useless to try such a patent bluff at a time when the western countries were unequivocal at least in moral condemnation of her aggression, she feels that now, when the possibility of their joint action in the Far East is much more remote and the red herring of "anti-Cominternism" is likely to recover some of its diplomatic value, a symbolic display of "co-operative spirit" may achieve miracles in smoothing her path of conquest.

FOR CHINA, which almost in the old pre-Nine Power Pact tradition, is being treated as a passive factor in all this juggling of her rights and territory, it remains only to keep her powder dry and make sure that she is ready to draw whatever advantage she can from the new round in the game of World Power Politics which now seems to have begun in the Far East.

In the minds of General Abe and his Cabinet, the previous policy of stubborn refusal to admit that the river was "safe," has been successful

EDITORIAL



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. F. Barreto, of Manila, photographed after their wedding at the Kowloon Union Church, yesterday afternoon. The bride was formerly Miss Simone Levy. The happy couple will make their future home in Hongkong.

Remarkable Recovery In Britain's Export Trade

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS)—The remarkable recovery in Britain's export trade, revealed in Board of Trade figures, are greeted with satisfaction by the press which considers the figures against the German claim to have blockaded the British Isles. Statistics show that imports arrived in volume for which more sterling was spent than in any month since January, 1938, and that exports went out more freely after a hold-up during the first two months of the war.

Regarding imports increases were shown in the value of grain and flour, meat and dairy produce, iron and steel, base metals and rubber. The most substantial increases are recorded in cocoa, much of which was resold abroad, in raw cotton, the value of which was three times that of November, 1938, in iron and steel and in oils, fats and resins. Tobacco imports were sharply cut down and less timber was taken.

CONSPICUOUS EXPANSION

Among the exports the most conspicuous expansion has been in cotton yarns and manufactures and woollen goods, cocoa, coal and chemicals, the value of which were all higher than in November last year.

Compared with October more, iron and steel products, machinery and vehicles were shipped abroad.

In commenting on fact that imports show improvement with respect to the preceding month but also indicate an 8 per cent. rise in imports as compared with November, 1938, newspapers note that the categories in which principal increases occurred—cotton, non-ferrous ores, scrap, oil seed and oil, comprise commodities in which Germany is notoriously deficient.

HITLER'S FAVOURITE FILM STAR

Leni Riefenstahl has really been arrested, as was reported recently, her fall from favour will come as a surprise to all who knew how close was her friendship with Herr Hitler.

He admired her both as actress and director, and she was specially chosen by him to make the mammoth five-hour film of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. She had also made Nazi films in 1933, 1934 and 1935.

She first became known in Britain through her charming mountain legend, "The Blue Light"; and the same blend of slender plot and lovely photography was conspicuous in "The White Hell of Pitz Palu."

The 32-year-old daughter of a Berlin plumber, Leni Riefenstahl was trained for the ballet and became a painter. She has repeatedly declared that "for me the Fuehrer is the greatest of all men."

FRENCH PLEA FOR CHANNEL TUNNEL

A meeting of Deputies at the Chamber under the chairmanship of M. Louis Marin urged that work should be begun at once on the Channel Tunnel. They passed the following resolution:

"We wish to draw the attention of the Government to the exceptional advantages which would accrue from the building of the Channel Tunnel in agreement with the British Government, particularly in view of present circumstances."

The suggestion of a Channel Tunnel was first discussed between England and France in Paris in 1802 following the Peace of Amiens. In 1872 shafts were dug in both countries.

The Committee of Imperial Defence vetoed the scheme in 1907, in 1914, a fortnight before war broke out, and again in 1924 and 1930.

In July of this year the International Committee of Exchanges recommended that a Channel Tunnel should be constructed with the least possible delay. Experts estimate that it could be finished in three years.—Daily Telegraph.

CHANGED SITUATION

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Havas)—Informed quarters understand that the meeting of the Allied War Council yesterday served to examine the changes brought about in the international situation by the fact that Russia is no longer a neutral power and no more a member of the League of Nations.

The Council accordingly took such decisions as were required to make the best use of means of action at the joint disposal of the two countries in the diplomatic and military spheres.

CLOSE STUDY

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AIR WAR BEGINNING IN EARNEST: LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS BY GERMAN AIR FORCE NOW LIKELY

Nazi Planes Reported Off The Shetlands

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The recent increase in air activities has prompted Berlin to believe that the war is beginning in earnest and attempts will now be made by the German Air Force to show their capabilities in carrying out large scale attacks, says the Berlin Correspondent of the *Dagbladet*.

Nazi Air Force officials claim that German reconnaissance planes have obtained comprehensive aerial photographs both of Britain and France.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—German planes were reported off the Shetlands yesterday afternoon and R.A.F. fighters went up to give them battle.

FALSE REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that the German News Agency report that British aircraft yesterday morning bombed towns in the Island of Sylt is entirely false.

51 ENGAGEMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that British aircraft have brought down nearly half the German bomber and reconnaissance aircraft engaged by them during the first two active months of the war.

During fifty-one engagements over British land and sea in October and November, twenty-one raiders were destroyed, thirteen of which were seen to strike land or water. It is known that many more failed to return to Germany.

Only one British pilot was slightly wounded and no British fighter aircraft were shot down in the United Kingdom since the outbreak of the war.

MORE REMARKABLE

The statement adds that the record is more remarkable when it

NAZI TROOPS ON BELGIAN & DUTCH FRONTIERS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* reports that between nineteen and twenty German corps are now concentrated along the German frontiers of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

CABLE Junk Piracy In Chinese Waters

Six pirates, armed with revolvers and rifles, boarded a cargo junk of Sam Mun, in Chinese waters, on December 15, and robbed the crew and passengers of money, clothing and merchandise to a total value of about \$17,847.

The loss included 100 tubes of Government prepared opium, valued at \$240.

The junk left Swatow for Hongkong on December 15, and when sailing off Sam Mun, a pirate craft approached and hailed her with rifle fire. They then ordered the crew to unload the cargo.

CRACK NAZI LINER A BLAZING MASS

COLUMBUS SHARES FATE OF THE GRAF SPEE

LONDON, DEC. 20 (REUTER)—THE CRACK NORD-DEUTSCHE LLOYD 32,000-TONS LINER COLUMBUS, THIRD BIGGEST VESSEL OF THE GERMAN MERCHANT FLEET ELECTED TO SHARE THE FATE OF THE GRAF SPEE YESTERDAY, WHEN SHE WAS INTERCEPTED BY A BRITISH DESTROYER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. The liner is still afloat, a huge blazing mass, and American warships are near at hand ready to sink her if she should become a danger to navigation.

She was set on fire either by side the American 300-mile neutral zone or by the ignition of her fuel tanks.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT It will be recalled that the German liner slipped out of Vera Cruz harbour, carrying an enormous cargo of petroleum, though her clearance papers suggested that she was proceeding to Oslo and it was evident that she intended to make a desperate attempt to break the Allied blockade.

The American warship came upon the scene of the burning Columbus at about 11 a.m. (E.S.T.) and found a British destroyer standing by.

There was no indication of any un-neutral act and no firing of any kind was heard. The incident appears to have occurred just in time.

Apparently British warships picked her up after leaving the Gulf of Mexico and dogged her to her doom.

There is no evidence that she was attacked. A British destroyer appears to have quietly trailed her and when the Captain saw that there was no hope of escape, he gave orders for the ship's destruction.

HARD ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN RUSSIAN PLANES AND FINNISH DEFENCES

Sea Battles Off Coast Of America

MR. SUMNER WELLES ON PREVENTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, in a speech last night, declared that American States will take steps to prevent a recurrence of sea battles off the American coast.

He referred to the Pan-American Conference Security Zone and said that events of the past few days have shown a disregard by belligerents of the rights asserted by American Republics.

He added that the American Governments would promptly take measures "to make very much less likely in the future such disregard of their inalienable rights for self-protection."

INVASION OF FINLAND

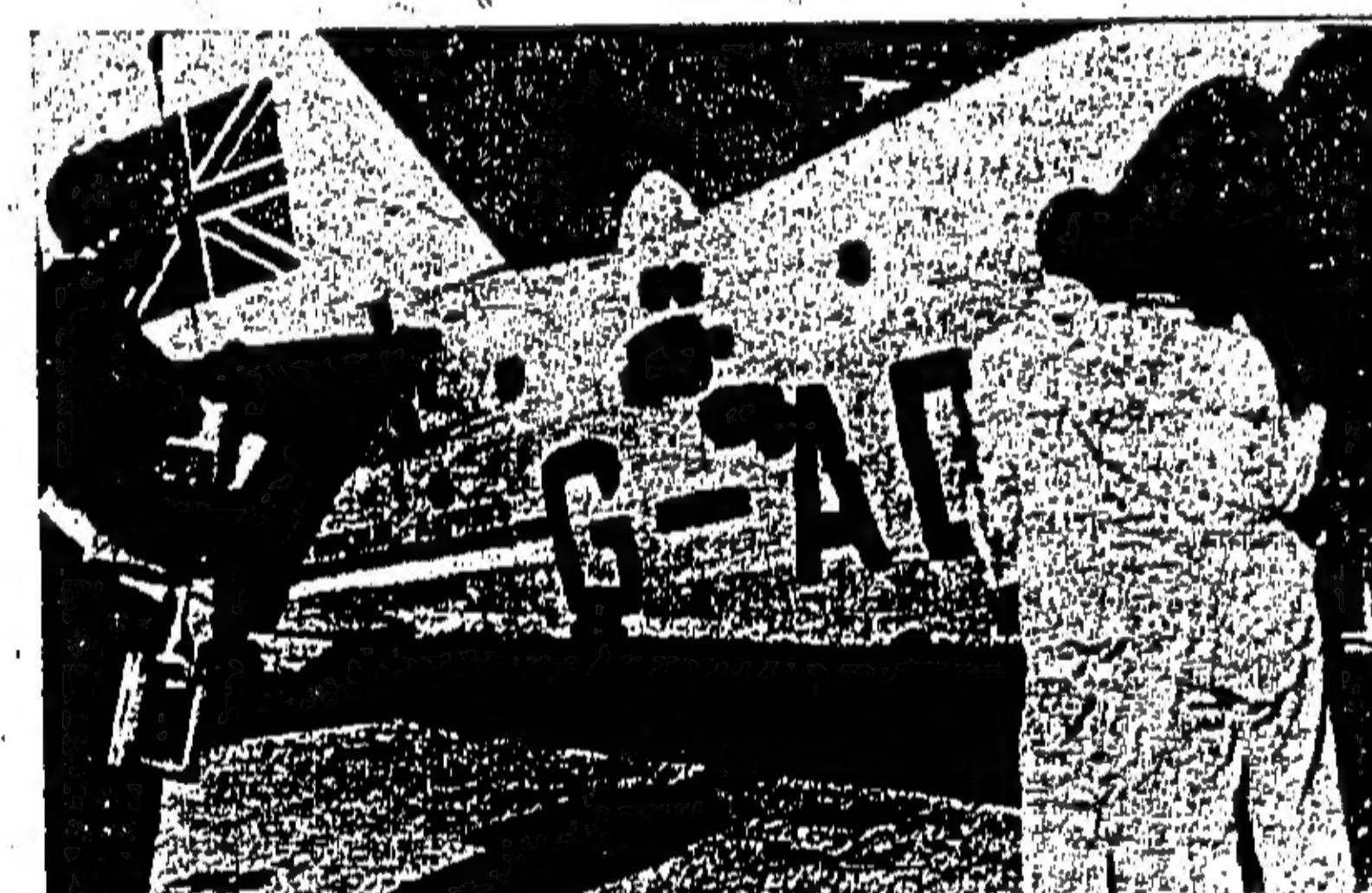
Mr. Welles did not hint as to the nature of the measures but said that they would be taken after consultations. He also, by direct implication, denounced Russia's invasion of Finland.

Recalling M. Molotov's "extraordinary address" in October, in which he declared that Cuba had been unable to obtain "freedom" from the United States, Mr. Welles declared: "Certainly the policy of the United States toward her neighbour Cuba, in order to insure the freedom and independence of the latter, has not been a policy which manifested itself in ruthless efforts at military invasion of that neighbour nor in the slaughter of helpless civilians through bombardment from the air."

Mr. Welles suggested that when M. Molotov spoke he must have been so engrossed in Russia's efforts to insure "in the present Soviet manner" the freedom and political independence of Finland as to have been prevented from learning that Cuba is as free as any country in the world.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—A meeting of the Supreme War Council was held in Paris yesterday morning, those attending including Mr. Neville Chamberlain, M. Daladier and Gen. Gamelin.

They met at the War Ministry.



The Imperial Airways' R.M.A. Dardanus arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon. The aircraft was shot down by Japanese military planes while over Weichow Island a few weeks ago. Bullet holes may be observed on the craft.

TWO U-BOAT SUNK

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—M. Campinchi, French Minister of the Navy, announced that two U-boats were recently sunk by the Allied Navies, one by the French cruiser Sirocco.

This is the third U-boat sunk by the Sirocco.

Yangtse

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ture aimed at a renewal of the Japanese-American trade pact which is to expire next month.

DIPLOMATIC TRAP

The Sing Tao Jih Pao says that Japan's partial re-opening of the Yangtse is apparently intended to induce the United States and Britain to fall into her "diplomatic trap."

While contending in the past that the Yangtse could not be reopened for "military" reasons the Japanese have actually been navigating the river with merchantmen heavily loaded with commercial goods under the nose of American, British and French traders, the journal points out.

Re-opening of the river, the journal says, has been delayed ap-

parently for first establishing a

maximum of 10,000 Finns.

Soviet losses continue to be heavy.

From the Norwegian border

and dance music are heard from

Russian troops gathered around

campfires despite a temperature of 55 centigrade below zero.

DARDANUS ARRIVES IN COLONY

Imperial Airways' R.M.A. Dardanus, which was shot down by Japanese planes over Weichow Island early last month while en route to Bangkok, has finally returned to Hongkong.

The craft piloted by Captain J. N. Wilson, left Weichow Island last week and spent the week-end at Fort Bayard where minor repairs were made by company engineers. Approximately 92 bullet holes were found in the wings and fuselage and a new propeller was necessary.

The aircraft arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 3:10 p.m. Captain Wilson was in command and was accompanied by Mr. Clark, radio officer, Mr. French and Mr. J. Crosbie, engineers of Imperial Airways.

The Dardanus will proceed to Singapore immediately after Christmas where it will undergo a complete overhaul.

GREGORY WANTS TO DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20 (Reuter)

—Bob Gregory, the wrestler, states

that he intends to divorce his wife,

formerly Valerie Brooke, daughter

of H. H. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke,

Rajah of Sarawak.

THE FESTIVE MEAL

This selection may help you!

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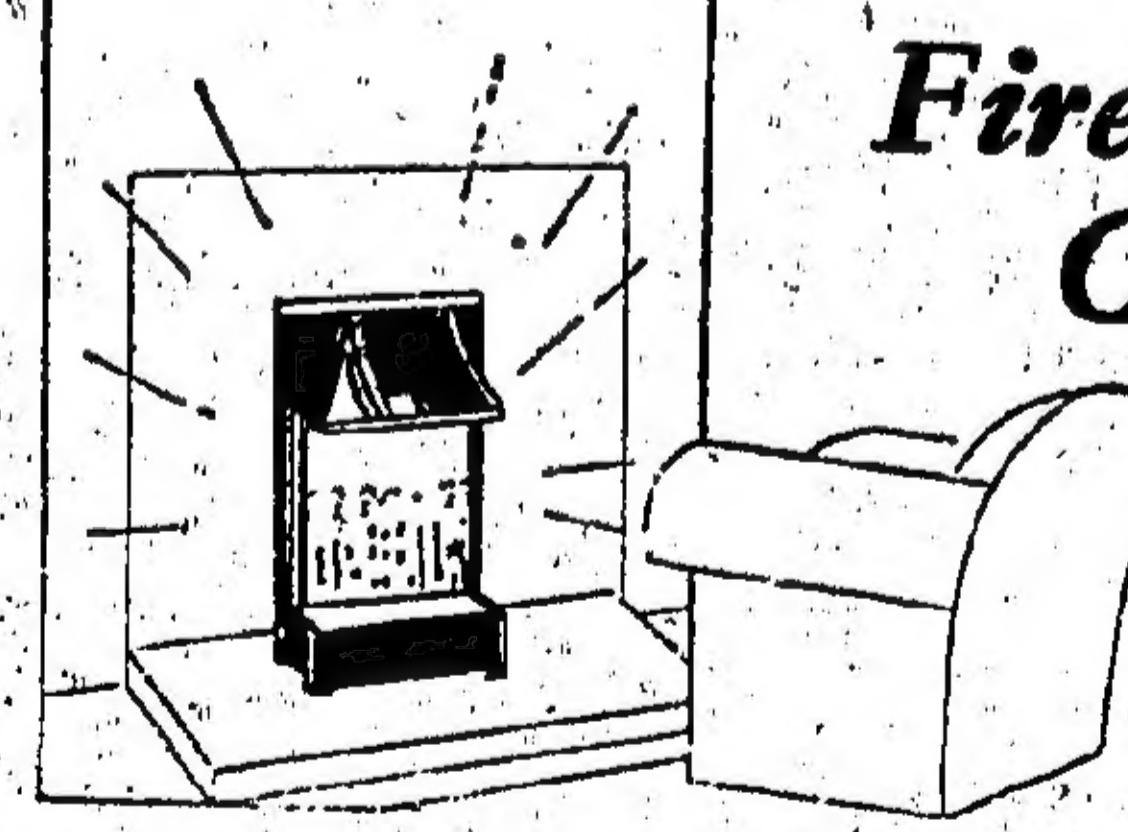
The Christmas Concert given last night by the Christ Church Mandarin Service Choir and the Hop-Yat Church Choir attracted one of the largest audiences ever to St. Andrew's Church Hall. The hall was fully packed, while there were about 150 people gathered in the adjoining grounds.

The programme of music was well selected, and the choir were ably conducted by Mr. Fung Hin-tsing. Miss Ma-Yun Yung assisted at the organ, and Mr. K. W. Mok at the piano.

The Fanling Hunt is meeting at Fanling Lodge at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 1. His Excellency the Governor will be "At Home."

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THE WAR AT SEA**SURVIVORS FROM SHIPS SUNK**

GENOA, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The captain of the Italian cargo steamer, Caterina Gerolimich, reported on arrival here that he had landed at Dover eleven British sailors taken from submarine in the English channel.

The sailors, four of whom were wounded, were from the British steamer Daring which was torpedoed by a U-Boat which later put them on board the Caterina Gerolimich.

VESSEL TORPEDOED

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Thirteen survivors of the Norwegian steamer Giltrefjell, 1,568 tons, were landed at a Scottish port.

The Captain and four seamen lost their lives and it is believed that the vessel was torpedoed.

NAZI SHIP SCUTTLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The German liner Columbus is reported to have scuttled herself. The United States cruiser Tuscaloosa is standing by to pick up her crew.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The British steamer City of Kobe has been sunk in the North Sea by torpedo or mine. She is 4,373 tons and is owned by the Ellerman Line.

Only eighteen survivors have been picked up and ten British members of the crew and forty-two Lascars are missing.

WATER AS FUEL FOR MOTOR - CARS

Signor Pietro Pasoli, of Bergamo has succeeded in applying motor vehicles by means of the electrolysis of common water, namely, its decomposition by chemical action into oxygen and hydrogen.

The oxygen is eliminated, while the hydrogen is used as driving power. It is claimed that the inventor has applied his system to an ordinary car, which develops the same speed as with petrol and is run at very low cost, so much so, in fact, that he covers 100 miles for less than 8d.

Signor Pasoli's invention is one of the 18 different systems now used in Italy for propelling motor vehicles by self-producing gas or the use of alcohol or marsh gas.

Special facilities are granted for the transformation of cars to run on gas. In the case of new cars owners are subsidised and exempted from paying the licence for five years, while subsidies are granted to concerns who run bus services both in town and country.—Daily Telegraph.

allowed that would be detrimental to this relationship.

Poles must everywhere be segregated from Germans and socially isolated.

This frank explanation ends with a declaration that Germany will not in any circumstances permit Polish culture or Polish economy to grow.

The East Prussian authorities have announced that the frontier must at present remain closed between East Prussia and the Suwalki triangle—an area of Poland which the Red Army occupied and then ceded to Germany—because the Government have decided to exploit this territory as a German colony as it is particularly suitable for supplying the Reich with timber, rye, potatoes, and geese.—The Times.

CLEAR DUTY

If a German, peasant, and a Polish ex-magnate are neighbours, the peasant's clear duty is to show that he is above the magnate.

Many dispatches sent by Japanese units at various points in South Hupeh asking for reinforcements and supplies have been intercepted by the Chinese.

COMMUNICATION CUT

CHANGTEH, HUNAN, Dec. 20 (Central)—Field dispatches from Hupeh state that the Chinese have occupied Kwangshui and Hwayuan, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, respectively 89 and 61 miles north of Hankow, cutting communication on the line.

Other Chinese units are approaching Sulhsien and Anlu, in North-East Hupeh. A report yet unconfirmed claims that Anlu has been regained.

On the Hankow-Ichang highway the Chinese are keeping up their harassing attacks.

Tienklang and Hellutu (Black Current Ferry) on the Yangtze River, about 95 miles above Hankow, are both under heavy Chinese attack.

Over fifty Japanese have been taken prisoner in Hupeh recently and about 100 Japanese heavy and light machine-guns, 10 mountain field guns and 1,000 rifles were captured.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Two oz 4-ply fingering Royal Air Force blue, or nearest colour.

Four needles, size No. 7.

Cast on 96 stitches. Knit 2, purl 2 for 5 inches, then proceed as follows:

Knit 2, purl 2 for 24 stitches.

Place these on a piece of wool or stitch-holder, for the face.

Work 56 rows of plain knitting on the remaining 72 stitches.

Then knit 47, slip 1, knit 1, pass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1939.

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Japanese Destruction Of American Properties

CHUNGKING (By Mail): It is learned from authoritative sources that there have been over 150 cases in which American properties in China have been attacked by Japanese planes since the outbreak of war in 1937.

Following are 39 of the more glaring incidents of Japanese violation of American property and nationals:

Aug. 22, 1937—United Christian Mission Society Hospital at Nantungbow, a north-bank town at the Yangtze estuary, bombed. Two U.S. nurses killed.

Oct. 24—American defense sector in Shanghai bombed. Four U.S. officers and men killed.

Dec. 5—American godown in Wuhu, above Nanking, wrecked.

Dec. 12—U.S.S. Panay bombed off Hohsiem in Anhui. Fifteen persons killed, wounded. Ship machine-gunned by Japanese troops aboard steam launches before sinking.

Jan. 1, 1938—American mission school in west Canton destroyed.

Feb. 10—American mission in Lanfeng, east Honan, destroyed. One missionary lady killed.

Feb. 10—One American missionary killed in Tenghsien, Shantung.

Feb. 14—American mission in Chengchow, Honan, hit.

May 13—One American mission building in Chengchow, Honan, attacked.

May 24—American Presbyterian Mission, South, at Hailchow, northeast Kiangsu, attacked.

Oct. 24—American defense sector Mission, South, at Hailchow, northeast Kiangsu, again attacked.

June 12—St. Hilda's School for Girls of American Church Mission, Wuchang, hit.

June 15—Primary school of Southern Baptist Convention at Pingtu, west of Tsingtao, destroyed.

June 15—One mission school for girls in Canton attacked.

June 17—One mission building in Foochow bombed.

June 17—Campus of Lingnan University (formerly Canton Christian College) in Canton bombed.

July 12—One mission building in Wuchang hit.

July 12—Sanitarium of American Mission in Wuchang attacked.

Aug. 24—C. N. A. C. (Sino-American concern plane "Kweilin" attacked at Cheungkaiwan, Chungshan.

BURMESE GOODWILL MISSION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Central)—The Burmese Goodwill Mission will fly to Chengtu tomorrow morning.

This afternoon the party will attend the inaugural meeting of the Sino-Burmese Cultural Association at the International Club.

BURMESE JOURNALIST
Mr. U. Ba Choé, a member of the mission, who is Dean of the Burmese journalists and editor of the "Deekok," was entertained by the Chinese Newspapers' Joint Committee at dinner on Monday.

He expressed profound admiration for the spirit of the Chinese Fourth Estate and said that closer relations should be fostered between the Chinese and Burmese newspapermen.

CLOSE RELATIONS

In response to his suggestion, the Committee has written a letter to be brought back by him to the Burmese Newspapermen's Union.

The letter states the close relationship between China and Burma, and expresses the hope that the journalists of the two countries will pool their efforts to overthrow the Japanese militarists, who are the common enemy of East Asia.

VOLUNTEER CORPS FORMED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Having been approved by the War Ministry, volunteer corps are being organised in Tienchiu and Kwei-chow, according to Chinese reports here. Between 600 and 700 able-bodied men are said to have already joined.

DUTCH DEFENCE LOAN

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Prime Minister, M. de Geer, announced that almost 100,000,000 guilders had been subscribed by the public to the Netherlands Defence Loan issued yesterday, in addition to 60,000,000 guilders subscribed by public corporation.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions).

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Greetings.—The Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes all members of the A.R.P. Services a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A.R.P. Exercise (December 17, 1939)

Many lessons of practical value were learnt and the Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes to convey his appreciation of the manner in which all A.R.P. Personnel responded to the novel situations with which they were confronted.

The spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm which pervaded all personnel augurs well for the future.

Appointments

The following appointments are notified for the A.R.P. Establishment.

Hongkong: Mr. H. Y. Tso—District Warden, Western Division.

Kowloon: Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews—Deputy District Warden, Tsimshatsui Division, Mr. Li Ying Cheung—Deputy District Warden, Tsimshatsui Division, Mr. J. E. Noronha—District Warden, Mongkok Division, Mr. C. L. Rocha—District Warden, Mongkok Division, Mr. J. L. Youngsaye—Deputy District Warden, Mongkok Div. Mr. Ma Kam Kong—Deputy District Warden, Mongkok Div. Mr. Shek Yuen Kuen—Deputy District Warden, Mongkok Div. Mr. Kwan Yew Kwen—Deputy District Warden, Hungshun Div. Mr. Wong Shui Ming—Deputy District Warden, Hungshun Div.

The Women's A.R.P. Union, Lower Albert Road, will be closed as from December 23 to January 2, 1940.

Shamshipo Division—Meeting of Divisional and District Wardens. A Meeting of Divisional Wardens and District Wardens will be held at the Chinese Public Dispensary, Yee Kuk Street, on Thursday, December 23 at 8.45 p.m.

TRAINING

Forthcoming Lectures:—

Practical Course in English for Wardens Instructors will be held at the Director of Air Raid Precautions Office, Lower Albert Road, as follows:—

For Men.—On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.45 p.m., commencing January 9, 1940. Lecturer:—Mr. R. P. Dunlop, B.Sc.

For Ladies.—Wednesdays and Fridays, commencing on January 10, 1940 at 5.45 p.m. Lecturer:—Mrs. E. F. Dunlop.

Instructors wishing to attend any of these classes are requested to send their names to the A.R.P. Department.

Practical Course Examination:

The attention of candidates is drawn to the fact that this examination will be held on Dec. 28 and 29 at King's College, Bonham Road, at 5.30 p.m., and not on December 20 and 21 as previously stated.

A.R.P. Examination:

An examination for Wardens and Warden Instructors will be held at the Club Lusitano and the Wah Yan College on Dec. 27, 28 and 29, at 5.45 p.m., as follows:—

Dec. 27—Wardens' General and Instructors' Part I. Dec. 28—Instructors' Part II—Paper. Dec. 29—Instructors' Part III—Paper. A.R.P. Classes (In Chinese).

Yau Ma Tei Government School, Nathan Road, Kowloon—Tues. and Fri., 7.30 p.m. Commencing Dec. 22. Lecturer:—Miss Lo Wai Man. L.A.G.I.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Connaught Road, C.—Tues. and Fri., 7.30 p.m. Commencing Dec. 22, 1939. Lecturer:—Mr. Fung Yam Leung, L.A.R.P.S.

Confucius Society, Hollywood Rd. Tues. and Thurs. 7.30 p.m. commencing Dec. 21, 1939. Lecturer:—Mr. Francis Wong, L.A.R.P.S.

Baptist Church, Aberdeen—Wed. and Sat., 7.30 p.m. commencing Dec. 23, 1939. Lecturer:—Mr. Luen Hong Lok, L.A.G.I.

H. W. LEYDEN, Warden Instructor.

December 20, 1939.

pool I am allowed money out of the pool for my comforts.

HOUSEWORK AT NIGHT

"At night the six of us put final touches to the cleaning, as we do not employ any woman."

"For recreation," interjected Mr. Savage, "we read and talk. We have quite a lot to discuss."

"This is our modern Utopia. It is anarchy, but we do not grow beards or carry bombs in our pockets."

"We are trying to extend this community. When peace comes we hope to have other places."

"It is my contribution while I am not earning money to pay into the

U.S. Campaign

To Assist Finland

\$100,000 SENT TO FINNISH PREMIER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—

Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, who is now head of the Finnish Relief Campaign, yesterday cabled the Finnish Prime Minister the sum of \$100,000 contributed by Americans for the relief of non-combatant victims.

STATEWIDE MOVE

Telegraph and telegram acceptances have been received from people in fourteen states, who had been requested by Mr. Hoover to start a statewide campaign. These people will appoint chairmen of local committees to co-operate with 200 daily newspapers participating in the scheme.

Mr. Hoover hopes to have acceptances from other states by the end of the week.

NAZI NEWS MUZZLING METHODS

NEUTRAL PRESSMEN WARNED

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The German authorities have devised a new method of preventing news about Germany reaching the outside world, despite the boast of not imposing censorship.

LATEST MOVE

It is already known that neutral correspondents are liable to expulsion if they send out unfavourable news.

It is now stated that these correspondents have been warned that if their colleague in neutral countries outside Germany send home unfavourable news, the correspondent in Germany will be prevented from working.

SOVIET WARSHIP REPORTED SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Soviet warship reported to have been sunk off the Finnish coast was the large battleship October Revolution, according to reports from Helsinki.

The battleship was shelling the coastal batteries and standing off outside their range when the Finns brought up some heavy howitzers and scored a direct hit with the first salvo, disabling the craft.

They then pounded the doomed ship until she sank within an hour.

No official claim has yet been made, but the Finnish authorities stated that "it is quite likely."

TERRIFIC SALVO

HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—A report of the sinking of a Soviet battleship asserts that the Russians knew that the range of the biggest guns on the Finnish batteries was only about three miles. They accordingly kept their warships just out of range.

The Finns, however, brought up bigger and better artillery and when a battleship was cruising within four miles from the shore, they fired a terrific salvo which hit and, it is believed, sank the battleship.

The first alarm was sounded at 11.20 a.m. the "All Clear" being sounded at 12.15 p.m.

A little later Soviet planes raided Viborg, one being shot down by anti-aircraft fire. There were no Finnish casualties.

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It is a wonderful tribute of vehicles, which may be fitted with course, to the trustworthiness of the modern motor-vehicle, a characteristic of the British-built machines that have been so much in demand in South Africa, South America and Australasia, as well as the many islands which now contribute produce of one sort or another to world markets.

Through their direct representatives and dealer organisations the established makers are kept fully aware of the conditions which have to be contended with even in the most remote places.

Thus, they have been enabled to design and produce vehicles which can be operated with success and at a cost which ensures an adequate return for the enterprise.

OIL ENGINES

For heavy work, such as so much of this transport is, the oil engine has proved extraordinarily helpful, as its pulling power is so good over the whole of its speed range, while the economy, in cost and quantity of the fuel used, is most valuable.

Another point which is not stressed now quite so much as it was, although its importance is in no way diminished, is that of safety, for the danger of fire is reduced very greatly when using heavy oil fuel.

The power available from the oil engines may also be used to the greatest advantage through the installation of suitable gearboxes, as can be illustrated by the Foden

BODYWORK

There is a range of chassis types, with engines and wheel arrangements to suit any requirements, while the designs of bodywork available are just as wide, whether what is required is just a platform of exceptional strength or an enclosed body to carry perishable goods under special conditions.

Apropos of the lengthy experience that is behind the products of the well-known British concerns, an interesting function took place in connection with the Associated Equipment Co., Ltd., when the A.E.C. Twenty-One Club was inaugurated.

It is composed of members of the A.E.C. organisation and its associated companies who have completed twenty-one years' service. Many of them have much longer records, of course, and at the meeting Mr. S. W. Goodey, the A.E.C. Publicity Manager, pointed out that if the services of those present were added together it would take them back to the time of the Roman occupation.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 20,

Barometer (at sea level), 30.21 ins.

Temperature, 62 F.

Humidity, 64 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 70 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 55 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 88.70 ins.

Against an average of, 84.73 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.58 a.m.

4 p.m., December 20.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.09 ins.

Temperature, 63 F.

Humidity, 61 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 65 F.

Minimum temperature, 55 F.

Rainfall, nil.

GENERAL

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRECT ENGLISH

(The Editor, Hongkong Daily Press)

Sir.—Hongkong is supposed to be a British Colony, and it is therefore with surprise, and, if I may say so without hurting the feelings of our American friends, disgust, that one appears at times to be living in an offshoot of the United States.

On all sides one hears Chinese speaking English with an American words, expressions, and spelling which appears in print.

Advertisements are largely to blame, but I am sorry to see that our daily newspapers, far from being uncorrupt in this respect, as being moulders of public opinion, they should be, are themselves almost the worst offenders.

I will name but few examples, culled from the columns of the Colony's leading journals during the past week or so.—"Fiber," "Gasoline," "Flow,"—and "Billion."

Now, Sir, to write headlines about "Twenty Billion Yen," or dollars, or what-have-you, may make impressive reading, but on delving into the smaller print one discovers that the amount in question is Twenty Thousand Million—what-nots.

It is perfectly true that a billion in America, and, for that matter in France, is a thousand million, but in Great Britain it is a million million, a sum a thousand times as great, and I cannot for the life of me see why we should adopt American, (or even French), standards of notation.

Moreover, it is productive of misunderstanding. If you say 20 thousand million everyone knows what you mean, even though our American visitors may wonder why you don't call it 20 billion; but if you do call it 20 billion one cannot tell whether you mean American or British billions.

I do not want to start a controversy about the relative merits or superiority of British or American spelling, expressions, or notation, but since we are living in a British Colony, may I beg you, Sir, to give the lead in writing the English language in the way which is at present accepted as correct in the home of that language—England?

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
BRITON.

PHILIPPINE RESIDENTS WED HERE

Mr. A. J. F. Barreto, a Manila resident and businessman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barreto, of Singapore, arrived from the south on Tuesday by the Pan American Airways' China Clipper accompanied by his fiance, Miss Simone Levy, of Manila.

The young couple, who have many friends and relatives in Hongkong, were married yesterday afternoon in the Kowloon Union Church. Mr. J. Barreto, an uncle of the groom, gave the bride away.

Mr. and Mrs. Barreto will spend a week in the Colony and return by Clipper to Manila where they will make their home.

NO EVIDENCE AS TO CAUSE OF DEATH

That there was insufficient evidence to show the cause of death was the finding of the Coroner, Mr. E. Hinsworth, at an inquiry held at the Kowloon Court yesterday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Lu Chuk, 30, coolie, whose body was picked up in the East Lamma Channel, on Nov. 7.

Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, stated that it was impossible to ascertain the cause of death, as the body had been so long immersed in the sea. Cheng King-fung, 27, widow of the deceased, said she last saw her husband at 9 a.m. on Nov. 4. He left with a man who had engaged him to carry cargo to the ss. Hell-

On the afternoon of the same day, she was informed by her nephew that her husband had been attacked by the ship's crew and thrown overboard.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—A number of French soldiers volunteered on Monday for a special patrol. They penetrated, for some miles behind the German lines and brought back a number of prisoners, including two officers.

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Meat Pie
Baked Squash
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String Beans
Date Cake
Tea

DINNER

Cream of Pea Soup
Deviled Egg Salad
Grilled Ham
Fried Tomatoes
Mushroom Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Fresh Celery
Apple Pie
Cheese
Coffee

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok
Denebola—7 a.m.

NORTHBOUND

Thursday: Bangkok, Hanoi,
Hongkong—4 p.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi,
Hongkong—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France,
Service—8 a.m.

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EASTBOUND

Friday: U.S.A., Manila, Hong-
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Branches of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association will be established in Kwangtung, Hunan, Chekiang, Shensi and Burma. Preparatory committees have been formed.

Finance and Commerce

Foreign Trade Of China Weathers Storm Of War

Free Provinces Economically Ahead Of Occupied Ports Of The Coast

Despite adverse circumstances, China's wartime foreign trade has carried on as usual and statistics show that there has not been much decrease from the peacetime figures, declared Mr. Tsou Ping-wen, Director of the Foreign Trade Commission of the Ministry of Finance in a special article on "Two Years of China's Foreign Trade During the War" in the "China Times," Chungking.

During the first year of the war, Mr. Tsou reported, China imported more than \$790,000,000 of goods from foreign countries and exported more than \$670,000,000. Although the 1937-8 imports represented a decrease of approximately \$300,000,000 from the 1936-7 level, the exports showed a decline of only a little over \$70,000,000 during the first year of the war as compared with the year before. The total imports during the second year of the war amounted to more than \$1,160,000,000 while the exports reached more than \$850,000,000, both representing a considerable increase over the 1937-8 levels. The 1938-9 figures, however, indicated a slight increase in imports and a slight decrease in exports as compared with the pre-war statistics, according to Mr. Tsou.

JAPAN FAILS TO PROFIT

Examining the position of the individual countries Mr. Tsou said that despite Japanese efforts to seize resources in the areas which they occupy, China's exports to Japan still fell far behind those to Hongkong and the United States. This showed the strength of exports from interior China either direct to foreign countries or through Hongkong. On the other hand, Japan occupied the first place in China's imports during the two years of the war. This was accomplished only through wholesale monopoly of the North China market and systematic discrimination against British and American trade with China in the controlled areas, said Mr. Tsou.

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Market ruled very quiet but steady with business done in Banks at \$1340 and Wharves at \$102.

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H. & S. Hotels, \$5.15; Lands, \$34; Telephones (Old), \$25; Cements, \$162; Watsons, \$8.95.

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HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Wednesday, 20, Dec. 1939.

Docks 200 \$19.60

Providents 250 4.55

Electric 30 53.00

CUBAN SUGAR QUOTAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—White House now reports that President Roosevelt did not sign the restoration of Cuban sugar quotas, but a document restoring the former sugar import duties, though no details are given.

The President's Secretary stated that President Roosevelt made a slip of the tongue when he made an earlier statement at a press conference.

ed favourably on China's war economy.

FAVOURABLE BALANCE

During the second half of 1937 which marked the first six months of the war, China's exports were reported by the customs at more than \$350,000,000 as against a little over \$340,000,000 of imports, resulting in an export excess of more than \$8,000,000. This showed that the early stage of the hostilities had not seriously affected China's exports.

The favourable trade balance was something unusual in the nation's recent history. The trade figures for the first half of 1938 showed a substantial decrease in both imports and exports, from those in the corresponding period of 1937. They have also indicated an increase in both exports and imports in the second half of 1938 over the corresponding period of 1937. Imports in the first six months of 1939 were increased to \$720,000,000, while exports jumped slightly to

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BRITISH TRADE IN NOVEMBER

Exports Show Huge Increase

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—It is revealed that British overseas trade in November was £32,000,000 higher than in October, which itself showed a substantial increase, on September, the month of disorganisation.

SATISFACTORY FEATURE

The total of exports was only £5,250,000 less than November last year.

The most satisfactory feature was that exports showed an increase of £10,000,000 in manufactured articles, as compared with October.

SILVER IMPORTS BY INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—It was announced in a Gazette yesterday that a new rule under the defence of India Act empowers the Government to impose on those authorised to import silver to British India such conditions that it may consider necessary regarding its use and disposal, if the Government considers it expedient.

Similar power is conferred on the Reserve Bank of India.

VISIBLE TRADE DECREASE

Imports & Exports For November

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports of merchandise (excluding treasure) as declared during the month of November, 1939, totalled \$88.7 millions (£5.5 millions) as compared with \$95.6 millions (£5.9 millions) in November, 1938.

VISIBLE TRADE

In terms of local currency the visible trade of the Colony (excluding treasure) decreased by 6.8 per cent in Nov., 1939 as compared with Nov., 1938; and by 6.8 per cent, in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in Nov., 1939 totalled \$48.8 millions (£3.0 millions) as compared with \$53.6 millions (£3.3 millions) in November, 1938, and exports \$39.8 millions (£2.5 millions) as compared with \$41.4 millions (£2.6 millions).

Imports of merchandise in Nov., 1939 decreased by 8.8 per cent, in terms of local currency, and by 9.1 per cent, in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in Nov., 1939 decreased by 3.9 per cent, in terms of local currency, and by 3.8 per cent in terms of sterling.

During the first eleven months of 1939 imports of merchandise

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totalled \$539.4 millions (£33.1 millions) as compared with \$571.7 millions (£35.3 millions) in the corresponding period of 1938; and exports increased by 1.7 per cent in terms of local currency, and 1.0 per cent in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise decreased by 5.6 per cent in terms of local currency and by 6.2 per cent in terms of sterling; exports increased by 1.7 per cent in terms of local currency, and 1.0 per cent in terms of sterling.



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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

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Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1.3 1/4On Shanghai:—
On demand 300
On Singapore:—
On demand 92 3/4On Japan:—
On demand 103 1/2On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 1/2

and demand 1/2 1/2

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 7/16

Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/16

On Batavia:—
On demand 45 1/2On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 90

Credits 4 months' sight 1145

On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/2On Manila:—
On demand 43 7/8On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... 1/4

Bar Silver per oz 23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

The price for Ready Silver rose 1/16 to 23 1/2 yesterday and forward were 1/8 higher at 23 1/16. Silver advices reported India as having bought the market was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 395.

Market

Quiet

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/5 December/January, 1/23/32 February/March and 1/21/16 April/June, buyers at 1/31/32 Cash and 1/3 March.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24.5/8 December, 24.1/2 January, and 24.3/8 February, buyers at 24.11/16 Cash, 24.9/16 January and 24.7/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

There were sellers at the opening at 312 and at the close sellers were quoted at 318.

Shanghai Market

There were sellers of Sterling at the opening at 43 1/4 for Spot and towards the close sellers were quoted at 443/4 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 7.13/16 and towards the close there were probable buyers at 7.11/16 for near.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 20 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4
New York 6-7/8
Japan 23-1/4
India 23-1/2
Paris 3.11
Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers

Opening Closing
Spot 0/4-3/4 0/4-43/84
Dec. 0/4-3/4 0/4-43/84
Jan. 0/4-23/32 0/4-41/84

U.S. Dollars

Spot 7-13/16 7-11/16
Dec. 7-25/32 7-21/32
Jan. 7-11/16 7-9/16

Market—Uncertain.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-5/8.

U.S. Dollars, 5-7/8.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d, unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/2 cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 19 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Silver—India bought. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-11/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Market—Quiet. Offtake 500 bars Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-04

Jan. 6 Settlement 62-08

Feb. 3 Settlement 63-02

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 168.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 19.
SINGAPORE RUBBER Previous day December 19 Change Buyers Opening Closing

S P O T 39-3/8 39-5/8 39-5/8 up 1/4

JAN.-MARCH 39 cts 39-1/4 39-3/4 up 1/4

APRIL-MARCH 37 cts 37-3/8 37-3/8 up 1/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close Change buyer buyer

S P O T 11-15/16 11-7/8 off 1/16

JAN.-MARCH 11-15/16 11-7/8 off 1/16

APRIL-MARCH 11-13/16 11-3/4 off 1/16

After ruling steady, the market became dull in the absence of support.

NEW YORK COTTON: There was increased hedging and realizing. Trade demand was smaller and outside interest was lacking. Spots were inactive, but prices held steady. Textiles were in good demand at reported concessions, but the mills are holding to the recent price levels.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.22; Today's close, 148.93; Change, off 29.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culverison & Frits and S. E. Levy & Company)

	Prev.	To-day's	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	10.85	10.71	10.88	10.71	.17 off	
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.64	19.47	19.55	19.47	.08 off	
Chicago Wheat, May	1093	105	109	108	3 off	
Chicago Corn, May	61	58	59	59	up	
New York Hides, Mar.	15.65	15.32	15.58	15.32	.14 off	
NEW YORK COTTON Close		Opening	Closing	Change		
January	11.08/03	10.90b/11.00a	10.85/86	.23 off		
March	10.88/90	10.82/81	10.71/72	.17 off		
May	10.54/54	10.41/40	10.35/35	.19 off		
July	10.25/28	10.08/07	10.00/05	.25 off		
October ()	9.76/76	9.65/65	9.60/60	.18 off		
December ()	9.87 N	9.57/57	9.53/53	.14 off		
Spot	11.33 N		11.14 N	.19 off		

Note: January cotton, first notice day:—26/12/39 last notice day:—17/1/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	20.45b/45a	20.35b/40a	.10 off
December	19.55/55	19.40/40	.08 off
May	19.10b/15a	19.15/21	.02 up
July	19.00/00	19.03/05	.05 off
September	18.78/78	18.70b/75a	.08 off

Note: December rubber, last notice day:—27/12/39.

Total sales for the days:—1,250 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	1114/1114	1084/1084	3 off
December	1094/109	1083/1074	3 on
May	1074/1074	1064/1064	3 on

Monday's sales:—55,944,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	574/564	574/574	1 up
May	594/594	594/594	1 up
July	594/594	60/60	1 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

	874/874	87/87	1 off
May	914/914	904/904	14 off
July	924/924	914/914	14 off

NEW YORK HIDES

	15.56/58	15.62/65	15.32/37	.24 off
June	15.86/86	15.94/91	15.85/87	.23 off
New York, Official	34-3/4	34-3/4	3.95	

NY-London Cross Rate 3.95

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more than \$410,000,000, resulting in this northern port, pointed out Mr. Tsou, Tientsin, which had an aggregate of more than \$150,000,000 in import trade in 1936 and 1937, handled over \$460,000,000 in imports alone during the first two years of the war. Exports from Tientsin, however, have not been successful as the 1937-9 figures showed a \$230,000,000 decrease from 1935-7 figures. Another indication of the inability of the Japanese to utilize the resources in North China to their full advantage is the fact that the export trade of Klaochow port represented a more than \$40,000,000 decrease in 1937-9 from the two years before the war.

Of the various customs houses which carried on the wartime foreign trade of China before they fell into Japanese hands, Canton and Kowloon headed the list in the increase of the volume of international commerce. The trade returns of Hankow did not reach impressive figures because merchandise from there was usually imported or exported to or from foreign countries via other ports.

The increase in the imports through Tientsin by three times their peacetime volume was eloquent of the effect of Japanese dumping

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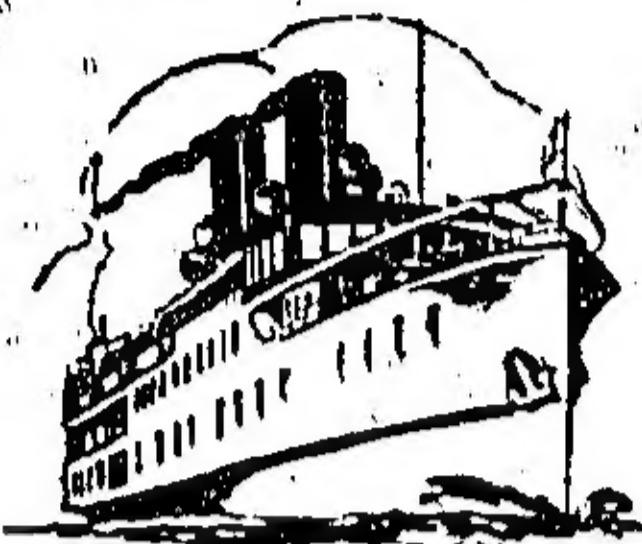
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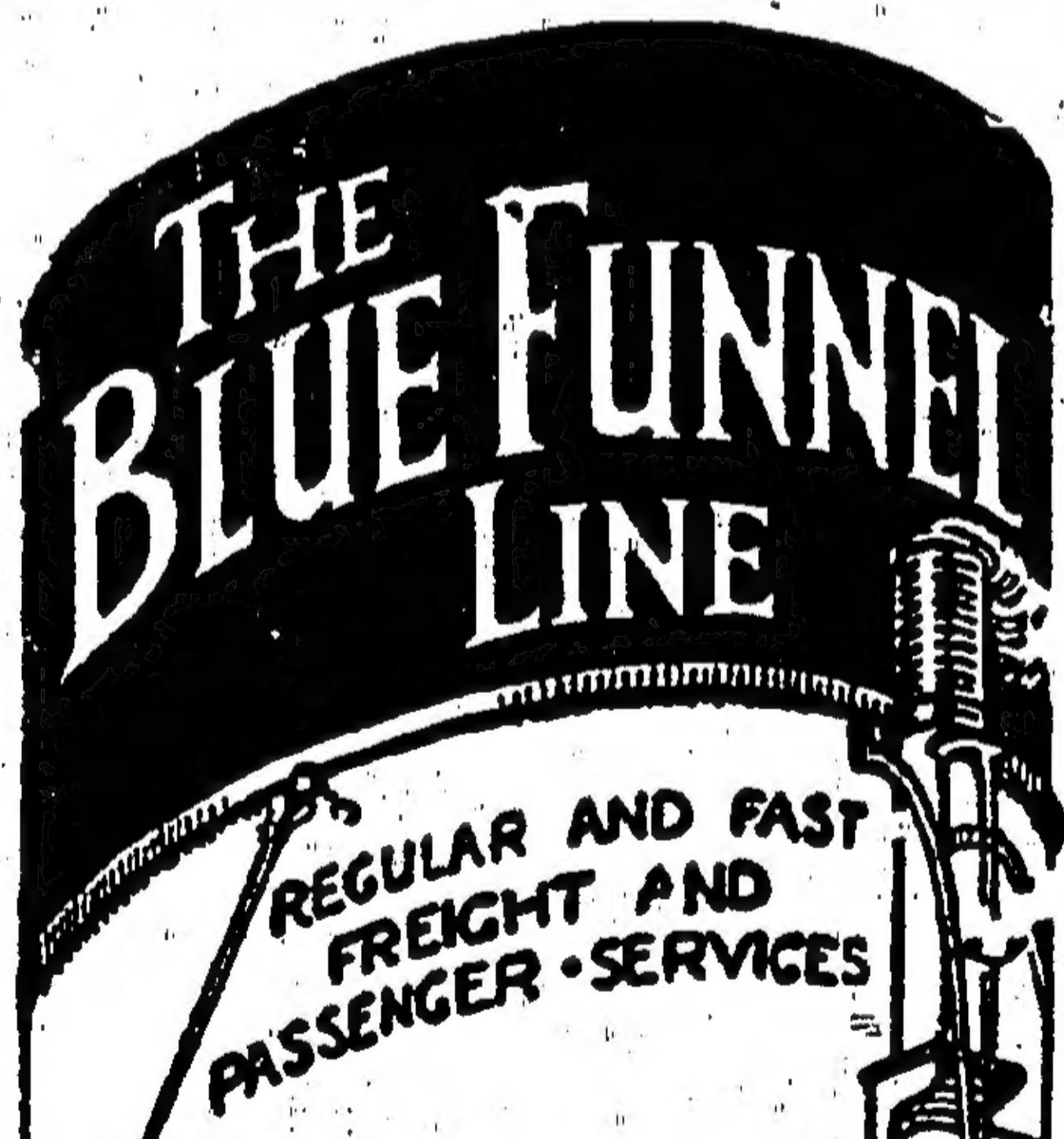
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PREMIER'S HIGH TRIBUTE TO BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

Care Of War Orphans

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sexes, from infants in arms to children of about 15 or 16. The children came from different parts of the country.

When fighting broke out near the New Territories border in November last year, the Home's accommodation was taxed, and the director refused to accept babies which belonged to refugee mothers whose homes were just across the border.

The babies were eventually admitted, according to the decision of the executive committee.

Early this year, reports of trouble at the Home were current. Some of the older boys rebelled against the teachers. The general discipline of the Home suffered from that date, several serious jolts, there being many instances of conflict both among the children themselves and between the children and the teachers.

SERIOUS INCIDENT

The most serious incident occurred when, after fighting each other, one group of boys persuaded another group to assault some teachers. The plot was, however, discovered, and the intended assault was never committed as the teachers left the Home on the night in question.

Following this, a report was made to the executive committee by one of the teachers, Mr. Cheng Shu-liang, who is at present in Kunming. Mr. Cheng is the grandson of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow.

The executive committee promptly proceeded to investigate the situation, while Miss Irene Ho Tung resigned. The resignation has never been accepted, and Miss Ho Tung is still nominally director.

Following the incident, about 120 of the older children were sent to the War Orphans Home at Shikuan, Kwangtung.

The Home has since been managed by Miss Young Yun-hing, while Mrs. Li Sau-pui, Mrs. Li Tai-chiu, Mrs. Katherine Kan and Mrs. Y. L. Wong, prominent relief workers, were elected to advise on reorganisation.

TRouble CONTINUED

Trouble in the institution continued, however, and a staff member, it is learned, was recently asked to resign. The reason for this, it is stated, was because of conduct which tended to upset the discipline of the Home.

Mrs. J. Archbold, a member of the wealthy Rockefeller family, who is at the head of the scientific expedition on the junk, Cheng Ho, upon being asked for support, visited the Home.

After the visit, she decided not to contribute to the funds of the institution, and her reasons were communicated by her by letter to Madame Chiang. These reasons have not been disclosed.

Mrs. Archbold was at first denied admittance to the Home, the reason given being that her visit was made on a Sunday, which, according to the regulations, was a "closed day."

WENT INCOGNITO

Following information received, Madame Chiang sent Miss Chen Kai-yin to Hongkong to investigate. Miss Chen went to the Home incognito and was similarly denied admittance until her identity was discovered.

The nature of Miss Chen's report is not known, but it is understood that, as a result of her observations, the National Association for the Care of War Orphans at Chungking is considering a scheme whereby the Hongkong Branch may be placed directly under its control and administration.

The parent organisation also desires to effect many reforms in the local institution. Among the proposed changes are that the finances of the Hongkong Branch should be handled solely by the Chungking head office, whence all money collected is to be sent, and that the director of the Home should be approved by the parent body.

These and other questions will be thrashed out by the Hongkong women at their meeting tomorrow.

ROME, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The King and Queen of Italy will make their first visit to Pope Pius XII on Thursday. It is expected that the occasion will be marked by an exchange of addresses between the King and the Pontiff.

CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Mr. Neville Chamberlain paid a high tribute to the R.E.F. in a broadcast yesterday.

He said, inter alia: "I have been impressed by everything I have seen of the troops and their components. When I consider the shortness of the time the force has been in France, the conditions of weather and other difficulties, I am simply amazed at the progress made."

DEFENCE PREPARATIONS

"I must congratulate the Commander-in-Chief upon the way his preparations for defence have been progressing and upon the obvious smartness and efficiency of the troops under his command."

"I have been delighted to hear of the excellent relations existing between the B.E.F. and French inhabitants."

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying that he had complete confidence in the ability of the B.E.F. to tackle any task.

Lord Privy Seal Tells Why Empire Is Fighting

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal, broadcast to the Empire at 3 p.m. today, and said that if he were asked why the British Empire fought he did not answer as a Minister.

"The answer is not found in Downing Street nor in the Cabinet rooms of the Dominions."

"The motives which led the people to making the decision are those which spring from the belief that the everlasting values and principles, which we cannot put a price on, are in danger. The possibility of a decent, orderly and happy life in the world is being undermined and destroyed."

We wanted peace but not peace which contained the spreading cancer of war nor a peace which meant progressive enslavement, he added.

AIR ATTACKS

It might be queer that the expected air attacks did not come but that suited us well as with every day postponed we are better able to beat them.

Speaking of the R.A.F. Sir Samuel Hoare said: "Our young knights of the air are as brave and skilful as any of the happy warriors we ever produced. We realise that the machines good enough for today are not up to the needs of tomorrow so we intend to keep the lead and win and hold command of the air."

Referring to the glorious memories awakened by the arrival of Canadian troops in Britain, Sir Samuel said: "The man in the street had no warning of the event so his joy and delight and sense of being one mighty brotherhood that spans the continents and bridges the oceans had suddenly swept over him in a triumphant wave of affection and pride."

FRANCE'S MILITARY EXPENDITURE

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Havas)—The Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, yesterday submitted to the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies estimates for military expenditure in the first quarter of 1940.

M. Reynaud said the constantly changing military situation does not allow for definite estimates for the full year.

55,000,000,000 FRANCS

First quarter credits amount to 65,000,000,000 francs, while total credits for 1940 will probably reach the figure of 250,000,000,000 francs.

M. Reynaud pointed out that expenses will be covered by loans as authorised by law, and asked for "quick" passage of the bill which marks the nation's determination to carry the war to a victorious conclusion."

S.M.C. REPLIES TO PUPPET MAYOR

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The reply of the Shanghai Municipal Council to the puppet Mayor Fu Siao-en's counter-proposals on the "outside roads" policing question was handed to Fu Siao-en last night when a call was made on him by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary of the Council.

Commander Neyrone, Italian Consul-General and senior Consul in Shanghai, and Mr. Y. Miura, Japanese Consul-General, accompanied the officials on their visit to the mayor's residence.

Count Ciano's Speech

ROME, Dec. 20 (Havas)—Press comments on the recent speech by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, give interesting indications of Italy's international position.

The Tribune says: "Count Ciano's speech stressed two points—the untimeliness of Germany's action from the viewpoint of the mutual Italo-German undertakings, and the intervention of the Soviet, a factor which was brought to Italy's knowledge only on the eve of signature of the Soviet-German pact."

GERMANY'S CONCERN

The Corriere Padano declares: "We consider that Russia's intervention concerns Germany alone, as Count Ciano was not informed up to August 21 of the Russo-German pact."

"Italy, on the other hand, has not deviated from the spirit and letter of the German-Italian pact, providing for consultations."

M'SEX BOXING RESULTS

EASY WIN FOR H.Q. COMPANY

In the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Competition of the Middlesex Regiment held at Nanking Barracks last night the Headquarters Company came out first with 71 points as against the "A" Company's 44, "B" Company's 44, "C" Company's 41 and "D" Company's 32.

FEATHER WEIGHT

1st. Pte. Macey lost to Brs. Bolam and 2nd Pte. Bradford beat L/c. Barrett.

BANTAM WEIGHT

Pte. Tait lost to Dmr. Dewbury.

HEAVY WEIGHT

Pte. Bridle beat Pte. Flood.

L/HEAVY

Pte. Revell beat Pte. Webb.

MIDDLE

1st. L/c. Wooley lost to Cpl. Manning; 2nd Pte. Marable lost to L/c. Wilson and 3rd Pte. Fredman beat Pte. Williams.

WEIGHT

1st. Pte. Robinson beat L/c. Shaw; 2nd Pte. Baker beat Pte. Bridge; 3rd A/Bds. Nix lost to L/c. Colebeck and 4th L/c. Weaver lost to Pte. Cohen.

LIGHT

1st. Pte. Whitehouse lost to L/c. Williams; 2nd Pte. Samuel was absent A/Cpl. Miller W/O and 3rd Dmr. Grossmith beat Pte. Day.

The following winners of Good Loser's Prizes in previous bouts were awarded Weight—Pte. Claridge, 3rd String, Weigher Weight. Pte. Mansfield—3rd String, Weigher Weight.

SOVIET-TURKISH RELATIONS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 20 (Havas)—According to press reports, M. Stalin has personally instructed the Foreign Commissariat not to spare efforts to achieve an understanding with Turkey.

Consequently efforts are being made to resume the conversations broken off with the departure of M. Sarajoglu, the departure of M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, from Moscow in October.

A Havas message from Buenos Aires states that the Argentinian Government is to pay 100,000 pesos a month for the salaries of the Graf Spee's officers and crew.

The men are to be interned in a military area.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 22nd November) 22nd Dec.

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Shanghai 22nd Dec.

Shanghai and Amoy 22nd Dec.

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Japan, Shanghai and Formosa 24th Dec.